

# Southwest Oregon RC&D

## MISSION

To encourage the development of healthy communities by developing local capacity to identify opportunities, by facilitating partnerships, and by promoting consideration of natural resources in rural and economic development.

## PRIMARY GOALS

- Enhance water resources for multiple uses.
- Promote sustainable, wise land use, conservation and natural resource employment opportunities.
- Improve the quality of life and social well-being in rural communities.

## 2004 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT Small Diameter Timber Utilization & Marketing

An advisory group was created to discuss getting small diameter material out of the woods for forest health and to reduce wild-fire danger. The group is steering a clearinghouse and marketing project. Project value \$153,000.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

Contributions from the National Fire Plan, and advisory group members - logging industry, Small Woodland Owner's Association, federal timber managers, Oregon Dept of Forestry, and other local businesses and professionals.

## PROJECT RESULTS

- Advisory group works to consider opportunities and implement plans.
- \$84,817 National Fire Plan grant to create a clearinghouse and develop markets.
- A publication providing resources and information is being developed for distribution to forest landowners.



# Cascade Pacific RC&D

## MISSION

To work with citizens of rural communities to enhance their quality of life through social, economic and environmental improvements.

## PRIMARY GOALS

- Improve water quality and flood plain function and conserve critical fish and wildlife habitat in Oregon's watersheds.
- Support agriculture and forestry management that is ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible.
- Improve the development of resource based industries, provide for adequate health and communications facilities, develop rural waste water systems and improve recreational facilities.

## 2004 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT NW OR Invasive Weed Management Partnership

Developed public/private partnership to oversee weed management in northwestern Oregon by establishing five Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs). Resources: \$254,200.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

OR Watershed Enhancement Board, BLM, US Forest Service, Natl. Fish & Wildlife Foundation, federal/county partnerships and landowners.

## PROJECT RESULTS

- Developed Partnership Strategic Plan with over 70 partners and signed MOUs.
- Established 5 CWMAs and developed action plans.
- Conducted education/ outreach programs.
- Developed and funded a regional Japanese Knotweed project, completing inventory and control on 6 watersheds.



# Northwest Oregon RC&D

## MISSION

To provide the vehicle for individuals, groups, and agencies to participate in the management, development, and conservation of natural and human resources to improve the economy, enhance the environment, and improve the life of the people in the Northwest Oregon RC&D area.

## PRIMARY GOALS

- Improve local economies while enhancing quality of life.
- Promote wise stewardship of land resources.
- Sustain a viable forest ecosystem.

## 2004 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT Greater Oregon City Watershed Council

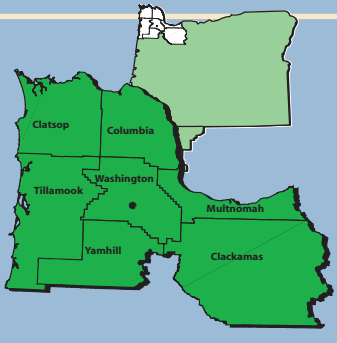
Residents of Oregon City and surrounding areas were interested in implementing restoration projects and a watershed health educational program. The NW Oregon RC&D Council and the Clackamas SWCD helped residents form the "Greater Oregon City Watershed Council," covering 50 square miles surrounding Oregon City. Resources: \$65,040.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

Local residents representing 12 subwatersheds, Clackamas SWCD, NW Oregon RC&D Council, OR Watershed Enhancement Board, Metro, City of Oregon City, and Clackamas County.

## PROJECT RESULTS

Watershed Council bylaws, mission, purpose and goal statements developed. Geographic areas for representation identified. Fifteen local citizens representing 12 subwatersheds appointed to the Watershed Council. Intergovernmental agreements developed and signed.



# Ore-Cal RC&D

Ore-Cal RC&D will encourage economic diversity and community stability through conservation, promotion, development and continued sustainable wise use of natural resources.

## PRIMARY GOALS

- Develop, maintain and utilize partnerships and projects: through cooperative partnership development, project development, and project implementation.
- Develop council skills, including grant writing, staffing, public participation and accountability.
- Corporate Development through staffing, fund raising, information management, council functions and duties, public relations, civil rights and outreach.

## 2004 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT Scott Valley Biomass Gasification

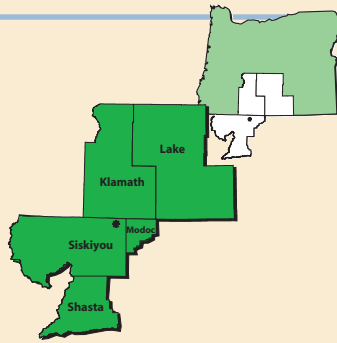
This project demonstrates the commercial viability of locally using excess biomass fuel, as well as its environmental benefits. The project shows the linkage of highly efficient technology to produce heat and power at local high school and industrial greenhouse. Resources: \$31,350.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

National Fire Plan grant (\$25, 080) matched with \$6,270 local contribution to complete Phase I.

## PROJECT RESULTS

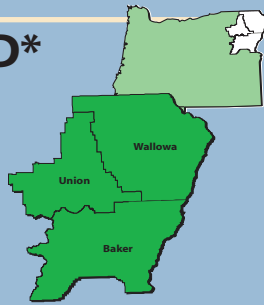
Identify potential sites, secure collaboration agreements, evaluate available biomass feedstock supplies and analyze site building and operations permit requirements.



## Eagle Cap RC&D\*

### MISSION

*To assist people and organizations in Baker, Union, and Wallowa counties via community-based partnerships and networks for the benefit of present and future generations.*



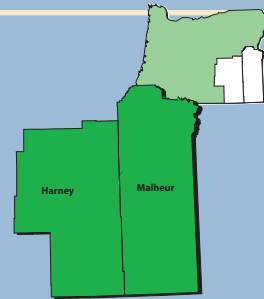
### PRIMARY GOALS

- Expand local business and develop new business opportunities to boost the area economy.
- Develop infrastructure in rural areas to support efforts in increasing community sustainability.
- Improve natural resources in the area.

## Southeast Oregon RC&D\*

### MISSION

*Proactively conserve, develop, and promote responsible stewardship of the natural and economic resources through a network of local partnerships that ensure and complement viable communities in southeast Oregon.*



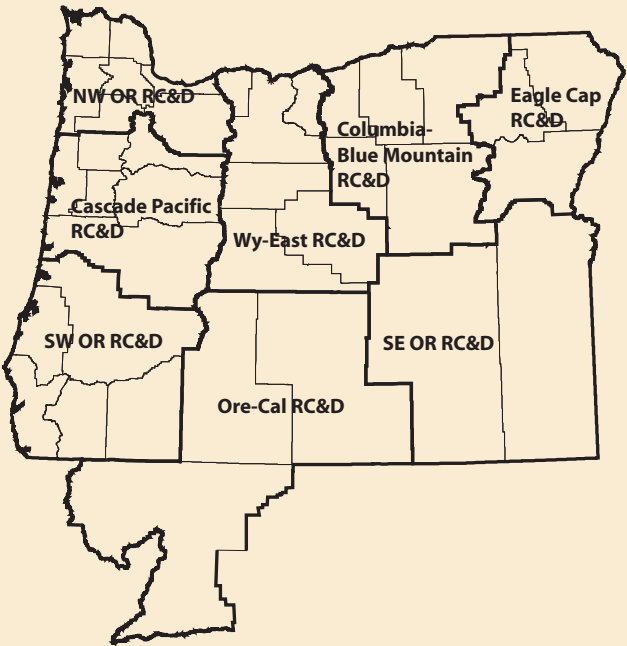
### PRIMARY GOALS

- Initiate area-wide coordinated planning effort to increase utilization of basin resources.
- Develop infrastructure within the region to support efforts in increasing community sustainability.
- Increase agricultural marketing opportunities in the region.

\*Applications pending Federal Authorization

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# Oregon Association of Resource Conservation & Development Councils

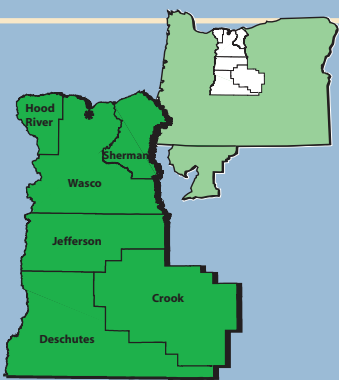


**— RC&D Councils —**  
*Building rural community  
sustainability in Oregon  
by conserving & developing  
natural resources*

## Wy'East RC&D

### MISSION

*Build partnerships between local groups to accelerate the conservation and development of natural resources and create sustainable communities in north central Oregon.*



### PRIMARY GOALS

- Accelerate watershed health by building locally led conservation partnerships.
- Initiate market-based conservation incentives that add value to agriculture products.

### 2004 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

#### Summit Ridge Wind Project

Wy'East RC&D assisted Summit Ridge landowners in initiating a community-based wind project and obtaining a USDA Value-Added Producer Grant. This funding was utilized for a feasibility study and business plan to develop a ten megawatt wind farm. Through this and other projects, Wy'East RC&D has taken a primary role in regional development of renewable energy opportunities. Resources: \$85,900.

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Twenty-three agricultural producers, Oregon Department of Energy, Wy'East Resource Conservation & Development Council.

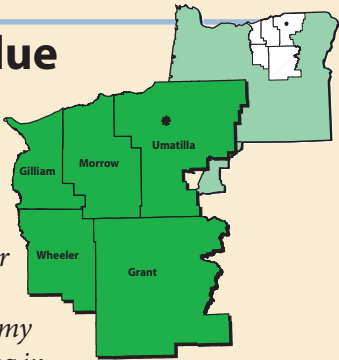
### PROJECT RESULTS

A feasibility study and business plan for a ten megawatt wind farm, the development of a 100% rancher owned enterprise, and an innovative approach to value added programs for rural development.

## Columbia-Blue Mountain RC&D

### MISSION

*Provide assistance for improvement of the ecosystem, the economy and standard of living in harmony with the development and utilization of natural resources within the Columbia-Blue Mountain RC&D area.*



### PRIMARY GOALS

- Rural communities that have the facilities and capacity for a sustained quality of life.
- A diversified, stable economy that includes alternative crops, value added products, and sound agricultural research that results in increased employment.
- Efficient, locally driven water resource programs that address water quantity / quality concerns.

### 2004 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

#### John Day Subbasin Plan Development

Facilitated contracts and local involvement for the draft of the John Day Subbasin Plan. The project involved creating an assessment, inventory and management plan for over 8000 square miles of the John Day subbasin. Financial Resources: \$359,000 (3 separate agreements).

### PROJECT PARTNERS

5 SWCDs, 5 Watershed Councils, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, 4 counties, 3 state and 5 federal agencies, OR Watershed Enhancement Board, NW Power & Conservation Council, BPA and the RC&D.

### PROJECT RESULTS

A draft plan created by a local team cooperating with state and federal agencies will be used to prioritize funding from BPA and other agencies to improve fish runs and wildlife habitat.